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MARCIA'S ORDEAL

By Martha McCulloch-Williams

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Marcia came up the walk with a sigh of relief so intense it was almost a sob. All afternoon she had been braving it out, forcing herself to smile and chatter dutifully, listen respectfully to Calverley strictures upon the world—her world—and life in general and make the requisite automatic responses.

Aunt Calverley was no blood kin, only her father's stepsister, but all the more punctilious and difficult because of it. Twice a year she came in state to spend the night and day after at Greenways. The visits always left Marcia and her mother uncomfortable, but this was the first whose legacy had been true heartache.

"Don't look so, daughter. I don't believe it," Mrs. Alston said, drawing Marcia down beside her upon the piazza bench. She was small and fair and blue eyed, all unlike her daughter. Even Aunt Calverley admitted grudgingly that Marcia was Alston through and through. That meant she was beautiful.

"As handsome as an Alston" had been a saying of the countryside this hundred years. As a race the Alstons were slim and supple, dark eyed, dark browed, with fine olive skin and clear, healthy scarlet showing richly in lips and cheeks; light stepping too. Marcia in especial had the motion of a flower swaying in gentle breezes. There had been something of natural irritation, but no surprise whatever, when Ivor Morris fell in love with her at first sight.

There could be no doubt of it. He called the very next day and the next and the next, then upon the fourth; planned a picnic in the grounds of High Brook, his ancestral estate. He was but newly come to it. The big house had been shuttered and shrouded almost twenty years. That was his excuse for asking his new friends to make merry with him outdoors. Though he was far too well bred to devote himself conspicuously to Marcia when thus playing host, by a sort of tacit consent she was pushed forward to be the head and front of everything. The next day he vanished unaccountably, but in a week he was back again and evidently more in love than ever. He managed somehow to see Marcia every day for a month; then came another absence and in the midst of it Aunt Calverley.

Aunt Calverley was bursting with news. Mrs. Alston was certain of it the minute she set eyes on her. There was a certain swelling as of pride in her own discerning mixed with ostentatious pity for the blindness of her dinner, when she had begun veering delicately to the subject of her departure. Although the length of her visit was always as fixed as the laws of the Medes and Persians, she felt sadly slighted if in the last hours of it she was not begged to make it longer. Mrs. Alston had just said, with a commendable show of heartiness, "I'm sure there's nothing to call you home—you had just as well stay with us until Monday," when the revelation came.

"I hope I shan't never be foolish enough to wear out my welcome anywheres," Aunt Calverley returned viciously. "I know you two will be wantin' to go right off and see your new neighbors. Of course you know Ive Morris is fetchin' home his wife and twins. Don't tell me you hadn't heard? And him here so much! Well, I am astonished. But men air queer—specially the Morris men. How else did the old major have six sons and just this one grandson? And Ive's father was the wildest of the lot. Maybe that's why I mistrusted his son so from the very first. You won't make me believe he's bringin' the wife of his own good will and pleasure. I believe there's been trouble between 'em, and she's brought the gentleman up with a round turn. How do I know? You know he has got Peggy Henderson to keep house for him. On the way here I stopped at High Brook to ask Peggy if she reckoned I could get her daughter Fanny to come and quilt for me next fall. Peggy was so flustered I couldn't hardly get a sensible word out of her. Ive had sent her a telegraph: 'Comin' home Saturday. Prepare adjoining rooms for Mrs. Morris and twin children' "—

"Didn't you tell us yesterday? I would love to have made a cake for those children. Peggy Henderson's cake is always as heavy as she is." Marcia interrupted so gayly her mother gave her a look of adoring pride. "Now it's too late," Marcia ran on. "Do stay over Sunday, Aunty Calverley. The Morrises will surely come to church. I'd like to know what you think of her."

But there was no luring Aunt Calverley away from talk of Ivor Morris. His sins, actual and potential, beguiled her into staying until sundown, although she had to drive ten miles.

Marcia endured it all wonderfully—just how she never quite understood. She did not break down even at her mother's wistful comforting—only locked her fingers hard and said, gazing far away into the glowing sunset: "Why shouldn't it be true, mamsie? Ivor Morris has looked love at me and spoken it, but never a word of marriage"—

"He—he—called me 'mother' the very last time I saw him," Mrs. Alston said tremulously. "I tell you he is not wicked"—

"No; perhaps only weak," Marcia said, drawing her mother within her arms. "He worships beauty, and I am truly very pretty, mother. He is impulsive too. I know for the time he loves me with all his heart. Maybe he has loved his—I mean somebody else—with all his heart. Maybe also he will keep on doing it all his life. And I love him, mother. But he has saved and spared me this much—he has never given me the chance to tell him so. Now I know why. Let us both be grateful and show it by helping to make things easy for him. People will gossip wildly over this unheard of wife. We must pretend to have been in the secret."

"Can you do it? Are you strong enough?" Mrs. Alston said, drawing Marcia's head within the hollow of her arm.

Marcia nestled closer and said clearly: "I must be strong enough, mamsie. You must be strong enough. We will begin by going to church tomorrow. That will be the hardest thing. Oh, how I dread facing all those curious eyes!"

"No more than we do. Therefore all of us must stay away," Ivor Morris said, coming around the corner of the piazza. Madeira vines grew so rank there they hid everything. Ivor's eyes danced a bit, but his mouth was grave and even set. He half led, half dragged, a very pretty woman, whom he seated unceremoniously beside Mrs. Alston. "We walked across the woods, Melainie and I, on purpose to ask your good offices. Melainie is Mrs. Morris, but not my wife. That honor belongs to my cousin Graham, who didn't know he was a Morris until six weeks back. It seems his mother, when very young, married privately my wild Uncle Royal, disagreed with him and ran away from him before Graham was born. The day after she left Uncle Roy broke his neck in the hunt, but it was months before his widow knew it. When she did know she married an old lover, who adopted her son and brought him up as his own. I am, it seems, very like my uncle. When she saw me the first time, just after I came here, she broke down and told me the whole story. She did not know how much of the Morris fortune was entailed or that in proving Graham the eldest heir male I was half beggaring myself. All that has, however, settled itself. Graham is a trump. He will take over High Brook on account of the twins. Still I'm not so bad a match I don't dare ask Marcia to marry me. I've been on the point of doing it fifty times at least. But who could be brutal enough to ask a princess to exist on nothing a year?"

"Don't scold him, please. I have done that already," Melainie entreated prettily, holding Marcia's hand. Marcia stood very straight and asked severely, trying to frown on Ivor as she spoke: "How long had you been behind those vines? Did you dare eavesdrop?"

"Certainly. I love to confound proverbs," Ivor said audaciously. "Listeners do sometimes hear good of themselves. But I know it was wrong, I'll do any penance you [illegible]

"After what?" Marcia asked as he stopped tentatively, his eyes entreating.

"After the wedding day, sweetheart," he said. Then, heedless of others present, he took her in his arms.

Wiles of the Medicine Man.

Here is a brief account of the wiles of the southwestern medicine man as described in George Wharton James' story, "The Indians of the Painted Desert Region:"

The ways of the Havasupai medicine men are similar to those of fakirs in all lands and ages. I have seen Rock Jones after examining a patient jump up and excitedly exclaim: "I can see into your head and all through your brains, down your throat and into your stomach, through your kidneys, bladder, intestines, and you are sick, very sick, very heap sick. But I am a good medicine man. I can cure you sure; I can cure you quick. But you must promise to give me $5. Don't forget I must have $5."

In one case with which I was familiar the medicine man declared that the heart of one sick man had gone away to the topmost peak of one of the canyon walls. It would cost several dollars to charm it back, but he could do it. Yielding to the pleadings of the man without the heart, he began to exercise his charms and incantations, and the next day he came in and declared he had seen it return during the early morning hours and his patient would recover. His prognostication was correct. The man was soon well and strong and paid his six dollar fee for having his heart returned to him with due gratitude and thankfulness.

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HER ANNIVERSARY

By LAWRENCE PERRY

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Never had there been such a winter in South Dusenbury. What with musicales, lectures, socials and the like the little village usually managed to fill in the dark, cheerless gap between harvest and sowing nicely. But this winter the felicities of village life had been augmented by an amazing and unparalleled number of wedding anniversaries. Wooden weddings, tin weddings, crystal weddings, had followed one another in rapid succession until those who were blessed in the giving were hardly less numerous than those blessed in the receiving.

Now, South Dusenbury contained its share of sphisters, village parlance which, being interpreted, signified that the woman to whom the term was applied had lived [illegible] eight years or more—generally more—and was still unmarried. To their eternal credit be it said that they rejoiced open heartedly in the marital anniversaries of their fellow citizens and had contributed not a little to the general atmosphere of happiness which attended these functions.

No, not quite all. One exception—one distinguished exception—must be noted, Keziah Bottleby. Miss Bottleby was a strong minded, tall, angular woman, an ardent church worker and ready to turn her helpful hand to anything when the needs of the neighborhood required. But these wedding anniversaries began to pall upon her, and by the time Deacon Thompson and Mrs. Thompson had celebrated their silver wedding she was thoroughly disgusted. She lost no opportunity in letting that fact be known. Hers was a trenchant tongue. Some were amused; more were made uncomfortable. But there was no other result. The anniversaries continued just the same. Of course this fact did not silence Miss Bottleby.

"I tell ye," she said one afternoon at a meeting of the King's Daughters, "it's perfectly scandalous. Sech graspin' tendencies as has been exhibited in this village this winter is downright heathenish. Why, look at old John Newell and Sophy Newell. They ain't done nothin' but spat these mortal twenty-five years, accordin' to all accounts, and, laws me, there they stood up together at their silver weddin', she in a new gingham dress and all perked up and simperin' about with one eye and countin' the presents with the other. It made me sick. And I guess I showed jest how I felt too!"

As usual, Miss Bottleby was listened to in the most [illegible] silence and [illegible] Bottleby gave contemptuous [illegible] and applied herself to her needle. While she sewed on, the glimmer of an idea shot through her mind, and as she pondered and enlarged upon it the stern lines of her face relaxed into a broad smile. Yes, she would do it. There was no reason why she should not and many reasons why she should. If so many persons congratulated themselves and asked others to join them simply because they had been married a score or so of years why should she not be congratulated in remaining single a similar period? Surely it was more difficult to remain unmarried than to find a husband. Yes, she would do it.

In a day or two the villagers received the following invitation:

"Miss Keziah Bottleby, having existed in single blessedness for forty-five years, requests your presence at her home on Thursday, May 12, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the occasion being an old maid's variety. Tea and doughnuts will be served, and presents may be stored in the parlor."

They were the talk of the village, these invitations, and every one said how like Miss Bottleby it was. They all meant to go, too, for they felt that she did deserve something for her long years of abnegation. The general tendency was to defeat her purpose by ignoring the obvious sarcasm and pretending that they took her seriously.

Hiram Spinks had received an invitation, and it had struck a responsive chord in his heart, for he, too, had enjoyed a life of celibacy.

He met Miss Bottleby several days before the "variety" party, and she smiled so warmly that Hiram lifted his hat clear from his head instead of giving the customary little flip of his hand.

"How be ye, Hiram?" said Miss Bottleby. "Fine warm day?"

"Why, how de do-o-o, Keziah?" said Hiram. "Yes, um; yes, it's tolerable warm."

That was all. Keziah swept by, but Hiram suddenly gave a start and turned to look at her retreating figure.

"A fine, smart woman," he muttered; "a real woman." He was thinking. He thought all the way to his lonely home and finally slapped his hand on his thigh.

"By gum!" he ejaculated. "I'll do it as sure as shootin'!"

The next few days were spent in painting, and his married sister came over and helped him put the house in unwonted order. But she felt that he had suddenly lost his mind. She was confident of this fact when a day or so later Hiram came home with a new suit of clothing and a new hat. But all that he would vouchsafe was that he had bought them for the party. Hiram was ready, and the more he mused on his new resolution the more absent minded he became.

The day of the "variety" came, and the villagers outdid themselves in their generosity. They reckoned to silence Miss Bottleby's tongue on the subject of wedding anniversaries forever. The little parlor was piled with presents of all kinds, and all, including Miss Bottleby, were radiant. Every one had a regular good time, and when the guests began to leave they assured her they were ready for the next "variety" any time she chose to give it. Finally the door closed on the last guest, and Miss Bottleby returned to the parlor. She did not look at her presents. She was thinking of how kind they all had been and was making all sorts of resolutions concerning her future relations with her neighbors. Then she looked out of the window.

"I wonder whatever became of Hiram Spinks," she said.

As in answer the bell rang and upon opening the door there stood Hiram, shaven, beard and hair trimmed and new clothing. Keziah gasped.

"Why, Hiram, ye air late, ain't ye? Come in."

"Yes, yes," murmured Hiram. "I'm a-comin'," following Miss Keziah into the parlor. "But I can't stop long. I jest came in to bring ye my present."

Miss Bottleby looked surprised, for Hiram was quite empty handed.

"So ye've brung me a present, eh! Well, ye needn't hev done that, Hiram. What is it? Let me see it."

Hiram stepped closer.

"The present," he said slowly. "Why, Keziah, ye can see the present. It's right before ye. I've come and brung myself fur a present. Do ye want me, Keziah?"

"Why, Hiram!"

Hiram moved closer, and then suddenly Miss Keziah—but let us draw the curtain over what followed, those precious moments of first love in South Dusenbury.

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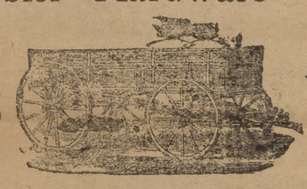
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WEEKLY EXPOSITOR

Friday, May 4, 1906.

THE SPECIAL SESSION

As Sonoma County was never more in need of a full representation in the State Legislature than now, it behooves us to get busy right away and elect men to take the places of Hon. H. L. Tripp, Assemblyman, who has resigned to accept the postmastership of Santa Rosa, and Senator Woodward who is now holding a federal position, viz: Collector of the Port of San Francisco.

A special session of the Legislature will be called by Gov. Pardee in the near future, it is believed, to see what can be done towards repairing state property and assisting in relief work for the earthquake and fire sufferers.

A special election must be called to fill these vacancies in the Legislature, and we believe the best interest of the people at this time could be served by the two parties agreeing upon two candidates, thus doing away with any hot political campaign.

We would respectfully suggest that one political party name the Senator, and the other party name the Assemblyman.

THE SITUATION IN SANTA ROSA.

The ruins of Santa Rosa's business section was visited last Sunday by several thousand people. In two weeks the ruins will be cleared and the new City of Roses will arise. There is no disposition to decrease property values; in fact there is not a single instance in which offers to buy at lower figures than before the earthquake have been accepted. In the new business section, streets will be widened, the earthquake having hastened a step that sooner or later would have been necessary. A new survey will be made. The City Council has granted many permits for temporary buildings, and are busy drafting the new building ordinance, which will provide for much more substantial structures. It is the desire of the property owners to erect substantial structures.

noble work at their headquarters, and all wants have been met so far. Services Sunday were held in all the churches not damaged.

In his sermon on Sunday morning at St. Rose's Church Father Cassin spoke words of encouragement, and predicted that the Santa Rosa of the future would be far superior to that of the past.

The banks will open here as soon as the buildings are erected.

Santa Rosa has dozens of temporary business houses in which the different merchants are doing business.

The Santa Rosa bank has erected a temporary wooden structure on the site of the former building. The directors have decided to erect a modern 3 story steel frame bank building on the ground occupied by the one recently destroyed by the earthquake and fire.

N. E. A. WILL NOT MEET

Chicago, April 30—The executive committee of the National Educational Association met here Saturday and decided to abandon the meeting of the association scheduled for San Francisco this summer. No convention will be held until next year. The place and date will be decided upon by the committee later.

LIME SCARCE

Since lime is so hard to get and the demand so great plans are under way to manufacture some at a quarry above Cloverdale. There is any amount of the right rock there and no doubt the factory will be started as soon as possible.

Now is house cleaning time, and you are sure to find carpets, and mattings to suit, as well as other goods, at the Petaluma Furniture Co.

Noted Musician Here

Prof. Avedano and family, consisting of a wife and nine children, are temporarily living in the Lambert house near the University Villa. Prof. Avedano sang in Grand Opera for a great many years, ranking among the best, but lately has been engaged chiefly as instructor of operatic singers.

He and his family were rendered destitute by the awful catastrophe in San Francisco. A sister who is also a talented musician, is with the family here. The Relief Committee have assisted the destitute people.

It is stated that both Prof and Miss Avedano would be glad to get some pupils in vocal or instrumental music.

Eldridge Home a Wreck

After a careful inspection of the Eldridge Home buildings by the Directors and competent architects. the conclnsion has been reached that the main building and others are unsafe and must be torn down, at least to the first story.

This will entail serious loss probably in the neighborhood of $125,000. The attendants and patients are living in tents and the smaller buildings about the grounds

At the special session of the Legislature which it is expected will soon be called by the Governor, provisons will doubtless be made for the restoration of the Home for the care and training of the Feeble Minded.

Egg Shipments

The business of shipping eggs to San Francisco was resumed again on Monday. Clewe sent several cases and will continue to ship the eggs as they come in. Since Feb. 16, 1906 and including April 28, Clewe's have disposed of 9,600 doz. eggs by sales and shipments.

Fraternal Appeal

Plans are under way by the various fraternal orders that suffered so greatly from the awful devastation in San Francisco, Santa Rosa and other parts of the state to appeal to the brethren throughout the country for aid. Which will be given cheerfully by the more fortunate lodges.

REFERRED BACK

The so-called charges against W. C. Nolan, filed with the Sonoma Co. Board of Education some time ago and referred by that board to the State Board of Education, have been returned by the latter to be put in proper form for consideration.

The state board wants the charges sworn to and put in shape to be considered The papers were signed by a Mrs. Nichols, whose residence is in San Francisco.

Notice to All Holders of Fire Insurance.

All policies of Fire Insurance are ineffective unless all chimneys of flues are pronounced safe by the public inspector, appointed by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with circular issued by Board of Fire Insurance Underwriters. Repair all chimneys and flues at once. Notify your District Inspector and get certificate. Inspectors of this supervisor district are:

Wm. Trudgen of Sonoma,
J. D. Ellis of Petaluma.

Interesting Letter From E. J. Dowdall

I landed in San Francisco Saturday morning. I proceeded out Market St. over pile of brick and broken ground. Everything on both sides burned. I came to where the greatest fire trap in San Francisco stood, the Palace Hotel. The floors were all wood so now it stands like so many chimneys. The partitions were brick, so that it burned out all the floors and left the spaces about 12 or 14 feet square open from the basement to the sky. Then came the Monadnock building. They tried to blow it up. 5 tons of powder was put under it, but it would not fall, but the front is badly cracked Then came the Examiner, as soon as it took fire they blew it up so all that stands of it is a piece of the wall on the 3rd St. side.

Then across Market to the Chronicle. The old Chronicle building is open to the heavens as is the Palace Hotel, it however had huge iron girders through it, but they are all in a heap in the bottom. Then the Call. It stands there as ever tall and graceful looking from a distance, but when you get near how different. It is gutted of all inflamable material. The floors and partitions are all there, but everything burnable is gone.

So on down the line. The Emporium, Hales, all the big buildings one after another are gone. I traveled out Market St. to 4th, to Mission to 5th before I saw a building that was not entirely destroyed. Old Glory waved over the U. S. Mint, but she too was affected. The windows on the south side were cracked with the heat from across the street, while on the north side windows were burned out completely.

Then on to 7th, there the P. O. stands, the windows are melted out slick and clean. So then I turned down to Folsom street and traveled from there to 15th st. before I came to another whole house. Then there were houses as I went to 17th street and up to Howard and after having 3 or 4 men that I met in Alameda say that everything around there was burned, you can [illegible] standing. The fire did not burn on the east side of Howard beyond 16th street. The block on the east side of Howard between 17th and 18th was entirely ruined by the quake with one exception, in that block the track has sunk and twisted in a manner that you cannot imagine. At 18th st. east from Howard the street has the appearance of something that was taken by the edges and bent over something until it split in the center, there is a crack a foot wide in it.

St. Charles Church stands in that block and they say it is a wreck. Then I left there and went out 18th street to Dolores through nothing but ruins which continue out I think to 22nd, then I went to Dolores and up to Mission. The Old Mission is standing complete, but the steeple is shaken off of the new Church just above the roof. So on down Market St., I don't know when I got back to the burned district again but I guess about Van Ness Ave. There to the left you can see what was once St. Ignatius Church, nothing but walls.

So on down the line, the Fairmont, the St. Francis, the City Hall and every place so on down to the ferry. At the corner of Mission and East Sts., there is a building left standing on each corner.

BANKS REOPEN

The county banks, Sonoma, Marin and Mendocino, except those of Santa Rosa, which will open shortly, opened their doors last Wednesday for the accommodation of customers, notwithstanding that the Governor is declaring every day a legal holiday until furthur notice. The bankers in these counties have formed a branch of the Bankers' Association, with Geo. P. McNear as President and Thos. Maclay as Secretary.

Beautiful trimmed hats, ready to wear; hat and hat shapes at G. H. Hotz.

TRUSTEES MEET

All members were present at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sonoma, held Wednesday evening, President Hotz presiding.

The following bills were ordered paid:—J. Garzoli, labor, $6; J. H. Albertson, salary, $15; V. Jansen, labor, $5; H. Munfrey, labor, $1; W. W. Fowler, labor, $6; Robert A. Poppe, salary, $22 50; Sonoma Valley Co. lights, $35; W. Rambo, Recorder's fees, $3; G. W. Estes, for election board, $24; Joseph B. Small, services and supplies, $8 45.

A communication was received from L. Breitenbach offering to sprinkle the streets of Sonoma for $3 per day and furnish the sprinkler himself.

Ordinance No. 84 was read the third time and ordered published in the Sonoma Valley Expositor.

On motion of Trustee Breitenbach the Woman's Club were given permission to use the pavilion on May 4, 1906.

It was the sense of the board that the stone curbing on the north side of Napa street, between the Yeuni property and the Bonded Warehouse should be laid without delay and unless the work is begun and finished in a satisfactory time the contract will be declared off.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for street sprinkling, bids to be opened May 12th.

C. Aguillon was granted permission to drain water from his premises into the ditch of 1st St. West.

Robert A. Poppe was reappointed city attorney at a salary of $150 per year.

The clerk was instructed to draw a warrant for $250 in payment of the first interest coupons when they shall have been presented.

The bonds of Marshal Albertson $2,500, Tres. Burris for $18,000.00 and Clerk Small for $1000, were filed and approved by the board.

The matter of building the new city hall was fully discussed by the board and the stone contractor given until May 8th to resume work or upon failure to do so by that time the board may see fit to have the work done under their own supervision.

Adjourned to meet May 12, 1906.

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An event of much pleasurable interest took place in Napa last Monday week, when Jos. M. Guilfoyle of Sonoma and Mrs. Caroline Cook of Eldridge, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. Grath, pastor of the Baptist Church in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Guilfoyle returned from their honey moon trip on Monday last and are stopping at present with the former's mother on Spain St.

Mr. Guilfoyle is a popular and well-known Sonoma boy and both he and his bride have a large circle of friends who extend best wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

The happy couple will soon take up their residence at Eldridge where Mr. Guilfoyle holds a responsible position.

Had Pleasant Time

Mrs. Riegelhut delightfully entertained a number of her lady friends at her home on the Napa St. road last Wednesday afternoon, in honor of her birthday. Delicious refreshments were served and a jolly good time was had by all present. Among the invited guests present were: Mrs. Philip Bill, Mrs. W. McElroy, Miss Lucy McElroy, Mrs. J. Coops, Mrs. P. H. Thomson, Mrs. A. D. Lowell, Mrs. Fred Lowell and children, Mrs. Frahm, Mrs. L. M. Johannsen, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Keyes, Miss Nomenson, Miss Hazell, Miss Riegelhut and Master Roy Bill.

NOTICE

The Boyes Hot Springs Mineral Co. have appointed F. Clewe their agent for Sonoma, El Verano and vicinity. All orders left with them will receive prompt attention. They will also attend to all collections.

See the new summer dress goods at Hotz.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA.

J. P. LOUSTALET, Plaintiff.
vs.
Edward Stephens, R. R. Peirpont, John Griffin, Stephen Card, Robert J. Pauli, Caroline Pauli, Albert F. Pauli, Paulina Pauli, Eloisa Pauli Raschen, Peter Campbell, and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

This action is brought in the Superior Court in and for the County of Sonoma, State of California, and the complaint in said action is filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County, who is ex-officio clerk of said Court.

The People of the State of California send greetings to Edward Stephens, R. R. Peirpont, John Griffin, Stephen Card, Robert J. Pauli, Caroline Pauli, Albert F. Pauli, Paulina Pauli, Eloisa Pauli Raschen, Peter Campbell, and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

The plaintiff above named has brought an action against you and each of you in the Superior Court in and for the County of Sonoma State of California, entitled as above, and has filed the complaint in said action in the office of the Court, Clerk of said County, who is ex-officio clerk of said Court.

And you are, and each of you is, hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in said action within ten days after the service on you of this summons, if served within said county; and if served elsewhere and without said county, then within thirty days after service of same upon you.

And you are hereby notified that unless you so appear and answer as above required, said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the complaint, as arising upon contract, or will apply to the court for any relief demanded in the complaint.

The real property affected by said action, situate, lying and being in the City of Sonoma, County of Sonoma, State of California, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. fifty (50), except that portion thereof in the northeast corner being one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet fronting on Napa Street by a uniform depth of one hundred and fifty (150) feet, now owned by Granville S. Harris; also lots Nos. forty-nine (49), sixty-four (64), sixty-five (65), and forty-eight (48), also that certain strip or parcel of land formerly known as a street and lying and being between lots 48 and 65 on the west and lots 49 and 64 on the east, Saving and excepting, however, from out of said lots, Nos. 65 and 48, that certain strip of land on the west side, said lot being twenty (20) feet wide and six hundred and fifty-five (655) feet long, heretofore sold and conveyed by P. J. Vasquez and Catherine, his wife, to Gaetano Noli, saving and excepting also out of said lots, Nos. 65 and 48, those certain portions thereof fronting two hundred (200) feet on Napa Street, by a depth of six hundred and fifty-five (655) feet, sold and conveyed by L. Quartaroli and Amelia Quartaroli, his wife, to Luigi Maffei by a deed dated March 19th, 1903.

The object of said action is as follows:

1. To oblige the said defendants to set forth the nature of their claims in and to said lands.

2. To obtain a decree of said Court whereby all claims of said defendants, all and singular, in and to said lands, adverse to the said plaintiff's ownership thereof, shall be determined.

3. To obtain a decree of said Court declaring and adjudging that said plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of said lands, and that said defendants, all and singular, have no estate in or to said lands or any part thereof.

4. To have said defendants, all and singular, forever enjoined from [illegible] to said lands adverse to said plaintiff.

5. To obtain an award and allowance by said court to said plaintiff of their costs in said action and to obtain such other relief as in the premises shall to said court seem meet.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Superior Court in and for the County of Sonoma, State of California, this 12th day of December, 1905.

{SEAL} F. L. WRIGHT, County Clerk
By G. A. FELDMEYER, Deputy Clerk

SUMMONS

In the Superior Court of the State of California, In and for the County of Sonoma. No. 6307.
GILBERT P. MILLER, Plaintiff
vs.
BESSIE MILLER, Defendant

Action brought in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sonoma, and the Complaint filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County of Sonoma.

Clarence F. Lee, Santa Rosa, California, Attorney for Plaintiff.

The People of the State of California send greeting to Bessie Miller, Defendant:

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sonoma, within ten days after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or he will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

{SEAL} Given under my hand and the seal of the said Superior Court, this 20th day of March, 1906.
F. L. WRIGHT, County Clerk.
By J. W. FORD, Deputy Clerk.

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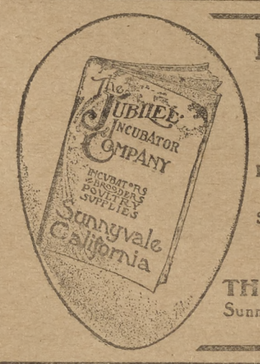

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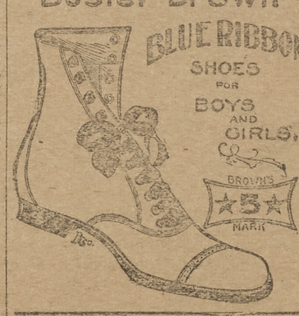

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ORDINANCE NO. 84.

An Ordinance amending Item No. 5, of Section 4, of Subdivision II, of Article IX, of Ordinance No. 68, entitled "An Ordinance Revising the Ordinances of the City of Sonoma," passed and approved November 21st, 1900.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sonoma, do ordain as follows:

Section 1.—Item No. 5, of Sec. 4, of Subdivision II, of Article IX, of Ordinance No. 68, entitled "An Ordinance Revising the Ordinances of the City of Sonoma," passed and approved Nov. 21st, 1900, is hereby amended to read as follows, to-wit:

5.—For each merry-go-round, skating rink, shooting gallery, or other similar place or device of amusement or entertainment, at the several rates as herein mentioned according as the license is desired by the day, month, or quarter year, as follows:

Two ($2.00) dollars per day, if by the day;

Five ($5 00) dollars per month, if by the month; and

Ten ($10.00) dollars per quarter year, if by the quarter year.

Section 2.—This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

In Board of Trustees finally passed and approved, this 2nd day of May, A. D., 1906.

G. H. HOTZ,
President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sonoma.
Attest:
{SEAL} JOSEPH B. SMALL,
City Clerk.

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LOCAL ITEMS

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Owing to the fact that all banks are temporarily closed, and we are consequently unable to do business by check and in order to replenish our stocks, we are compelled to pay in coin, we ask that all our customers, as far as they can possibly do so, trade for cash. This is for your protection as well as ours.

F. Clewe
F. Duhring
Mrs. J. A. Poppe
G. H. Hotz
Shoults & Co.
L. S. Simmons
Racket Store
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Henry Weber
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Mr. and Mrs. John Valente and Miss Mary Valente are visiting relatives in Sonoma.

Miss Mary Caminata returned to the city Tuesday morning to resume her duties as stenographer with the Royal Heating Co.

The entertainment of the Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational Church which was to have been held May 4, has been postponed to some future date.

At sight the finish and general style of our mattresses win a customer. Why? Because we have the right quality and prices at the Petaluma Furniture Co.

The customers, stockholders and friends of Allen's B. B. B. Flour Co , Inc., of San Jose, Cal., will be pleased to learn that that firm did not suffer much damage at their factory except a general mixup with brick and plaster, but goods in storage and accounts in San Francisco amounting to something less than $1000, may be a total loss. However, from the fact that they are doing business all over twelve states and extending their business to, others, such local disturbances convenience.

The Supervisors have found the Court house so badly damaged that it will have to be taken down, and they have decided to call a special bond election to bond the county for the erection of a modern courthouse at Santa Rosa. It is proposed to build a Mission structure two stories high with a central court. The proposed structure to cover more ground than the present one but to be of less height.

It is a good time of the year to lay cement walks. They are the cheapest and best in the end. Wm. Trudgen does that work properly and at a reasonable price. Consult him. Consultation free. *

R. H. Curry, manager of the Geyser Springs, says the report of the springs being dried up is all a mistake. No damage whatever being done. On the contrary, he says, new springs were opened up.

A peculiar accident occured at the quicksilver mines north of Guerneville the morning of the earthquake, in which three men lost their lives. The men were in the cage and coming up the shaft from work far below jnst at the time of the quake. A big rock which was shaken from the mountain side rolled straight down and plunged down the shaft, lighting in the cage, sending men and cage to the bottom, down to the 350 feet level. The men were horribly mangled.

H. L. Tripp has tendered his resignation as a state officer to Governor Pardee. Tripp was recently appointed a postmaster at Santa Rosa.

A conservative estimate of the damage caused by the earthquake in Analy township is half a million dollars. In Sebastopol the loss runs up to about $250,000.

Attorney W. F. Cowan was a well known visitor here yesterday, shaking hands with old friends. Coonist James Small was an old schoolmate of the attorney.

M. Miller has given up his store on Broadway but will continue to buy and sell poultry and eggs as before. His office will be at his home on the Haraszthy tract. Leave orders at Gies' barber shop.

Geo. W. Spencer left for San Francisco this morning.

Herman Stademan is suffering from a broken nose, the result of a kick from a horse. Dr. Thomson attended to the injury and the little fellow is getting along as well as could be expected.

Four hundred men are at work placing water front property of the state in its former condition. There are forty men at work on the ferry depot tower, preparing to strengthen and reinforce it. According to President Spear, who has received advices from engineers, it will not be necessary to remove the tower or to tear down any part of the ferry building.

Conrad Futterer, the tailor, has had a new show window put in his place of business.

Attorney R. M. Sims and wife are visiting relatives at Rhine Farm.

Artie Lutgens visited Oakland on Monday.

Wm Clewe spent Sunday viewing the ruins of the metropolis.

Henry Bates and family have moved into their Broadway home, Dr. Van Amringe and family are occudying the Bates cottage on Napa St. Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Lewis have moved into the Davis home on Broadway.

Mrs. Burlingame came down from Seattle and will remain with her mother, Mrs. Appleton for a few weeks.

Rev. John A. B. Wilson, D. D., passed away from typhoid fever at Grass Valley, last Monday morning. He was formerly pastor of the Howard St. M. E. Church San Francisco.

The Santa Rosa Masonic Lodge will build a temporary hall on the new J. C. Maller building on the corner of Humboldt and 5th Sts.

Not a pane of glass was broken by the earthquake in the Burbank experimental grounds and none of the valuable plants were destroyed.

poppy in the valley one day last week and sent the curiosity to Luther Burbank.

Rev. J. C. Simmons, one of the best known Methodist divines on the coast, died at his home in Salinas Saturday April 21.

A young lady applicant for a school in an Iowa town was asked the question: "What is your position upon whipping children?" and her answer was: "My usual position is on a chair with the child firmly across my knee, face downward." She got the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Appleton and child, are visiting relatives in Sonoma.

Mrs. C. F. Anderson returned to San Francisco last Sunday.

Lawyer Pinder, brother of B. F. Pinder, has returned to San Francisco to resume the practice of his profession.

Miss Katie McDonnell has about completed the work of taking the school census of Sonoma Dist.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Enke were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johannsen the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nolan returned from a Santa Rosa visit Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Miss Cragin, son and daughter of Rev. C. C. Cragin, left yesterday for Campbell, near San Jose to reside permanetly on the Cragin place there. Rev. Cragin will take rooms at the MacQuiddy home.

A. C. Lutgens had business in Sonoma on Wednesday.

Supervisor Blair Hart transacted official business here yesterday.

Defective eyes are often able to adjust themselves by muscular effort but such eyes are under a strain, if you consult Eph Weiss he will tell you whether your eyes are normal or defective, he will be in Sonoma the 2nd of each month at Union Hotel.

Congregational Church May 6—A. M. Sacrament of the Lord's supper. reception of new members and short sermon on the words of Jesus, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself." P. M. The first sermon of a series on Elijah, the prophet—In the presence of the king, fed by ravens, the never failing cruse of oil and handful of meal.

Many of the people of Sonoma have lost heavily in the disaster of fire and earthquake which has with such violence visited this part of the state, and among others Mr. James MacMackin and his daughter Mrs. Merriam. In the City of San Francisco their loss has been very great. Many houses owned by them were totally destroyed. The Methodist community of Sonoma are deeply in sympathy with them. They in time past, have done so much for the Methodist Church, in fact the present church building is mainly due to their kind generosity. Only a few weeks ago they left their old home in this neighborhood and procured for themselves a new residence in the City of Oakland. Their presence in and around Sonoma has been, and will still be greatly missed.

The family may be assured of the warmest sympathy of the entire community in their loss, and also of their good wishes for many happy and prosperous years in their new home.

Chas. Dal Poggetto has been appointed a special committee on employment, by the Sonoma Relief Committee. Those seeking work may apply to him.

The local Masonic lodge will meet hereafter until further notice in I. O. O. F. hall.

Important meeting of Sonoma Parlor, N. S. G. W. next Wednesday evening.

A concert will given in the near future in Sonoma by Prof. Avedano assisted by other noted talent. The proceeds will be devoted entirely to local relief work.

See the new summer dress goods at Hotz.

R. W. Bell, piano tuner, is here. Leave orders at once at the Union Hotel.

daughter left for Sherwood Wednesday.

Appeal to State Club Women

To the Club Women of California:

"The nurses doing relief work in San Francisco are working without sufficient clothing and some in woolen clothing in the contagious wards. The California Club has been authorized by the Red Cross Society to look after this branch of the work, and the chairman of the Nurses' Aid Society, Mrs. L. E. Baldwin, asks that you send nurses' outfits, consisting of one shirt waist and skirt (blue denim or gingham), one suit of underwear, stockings, a white tie, one petticoat and an apron with pocket. Wrap each bundle separately, marked 'Nurse's Outfit, California Club,' and consign the whole to Mrs. L. L. Dunbar, Calvery Church, Headquarters Red Cross Clothing Bureau, San Francisco, Cal.

"Will every club president place this matter before her club at once? I ask your kind consideration. With federation greetings,

MRS. ROBT. P. HILL,
President California Federation of Women's Clubs."

VALENTE-OLIVA NUPTIALS

John Valente, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Valente, and Miss Laura Oliva were married in San Francisco last Saturday, and are now spending their honeymoon in Sonoma. The groom is a former Sonoma boy who has been employed for a number of years in the metropolis where he met his bride.

The Expositor joins their many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Valente a happy and prosperous journey through life.

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DID GOOD WORK

The following from the Petaluma Courier, refers to an old Sonoma boy:

"Charles McDevitt, who has charge of the sub-station of the electric railroad in Sebastopol, is deserving of a medal for bravery. When the earth began to heave and roll there was a terrible scene in the power house. Electricity flashed in all directions, the big batteries roared and the mammoth marble switch-board threatened to fall. Mr. McDevitt rushed to the switch-board, shut off the current from the town and car lines. It was this fidelity to duty that saved Sebastopol loss of life and property by fire."

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BOARD OF HEALTH

The Sonoma City Board of Health met in the office of Dr. Thomson yesterday afternoon and organized by the election of V. Bulotti as President and L. H. Green, Secretary. Dr. Nichols was appointed health officer and his appointment duly confirmed by the board of trustees at a meeting held last evening. The personel of the board is as follows: V. Bulotti, Pres., Dr. A. M. Thomson, Dr. G. C. Nichols, T. J. McGimsey and L. H. Green, Sec'y.

SOMETHING SAVED

After all the confusion and destruction occasioned by the recent earthquake, A. Baccala, of the Swiss Hotel, wishes to announce that he still has on hand a good supply of the purest whiskey and finest liquors on the market. *

Estimates on awnings given, upholstering done, and mattresses made over at the Petaluma Furniture Co., Petaluma, Cal.

PURE BLOOD IS VITAL

Not everyone realizes the vital necessity of keeping the blood pure at all times. Impure blood not only causes various derangements and inability to perform one's work well, but gives a ready welcome to all germs of disease with which it comes in contact. It is the rankest extravagance to allow the human blood to remain in an impure or impoverished condition. "Our Standard Remedy" is the safest, purest and best blood purifier on the market to-day. It is a new remedy, a purely vegetable preparation composed of roots, barks and herbs, and contains no calomel or other injurious or metallic drug. 204 doses for $1, with a written guarantee that your money will be refunded if you are not cured of all troubles caused directly or indirectly by bad blood. You can purchase this wonderful new remedy at Clewe's. John McNeil, sole agent for Sonoma County, Ohm's Sulphur Springs, Sonoma.

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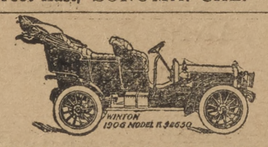

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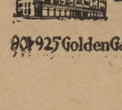

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THE MODEL AT VIVON'S

By NICOLA L. FORRESTER

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The model at Vivon's had fainted.

It was in the middle of the morning sitting, the very apex of intensity in the lesson. Little Vivon moved lightly and restlessly here and there from one easel to another, his small, black eyes mere high lights of sparkling eagerness under their heavy brows. He smoked his short, thick pipe and glanced from the charcoal studies to the slim white figure on the platform.

The sunlight poured full into the long, bare atelier. Suddenly the model swayed ever so slightly and sank to the floor.

Some of the girls gave quick, frightened cries, and Jean Laurier glanced up with a smothered exclamation of angry dismay over his unfinished sketch. From the first easel to the right of the platform the American student, [illegible] sprang to the platform and [illegible] on his arm. It was such a young head. The loose, warm tinted hair lay softly against his shoulder, and he noticed for the first time how thin the small, piquant face was.

Vivon hopped excitedly the length of the room and waved his small plump hands for order.

"It is nothing," he said. "She is fatigued. It is so warm. Can you carry her, M. Crane?"

Could he carry her? Crane smiled grimly as he raised the slender figure in his arms. Why, his little sister Bess, back in Crawfordsville, Mo., was heavier than this. He followed Vivon from the atelier away from the battery of amused, curious eyes to the artist's private den.

"Ma foi," laughed petite Yvette, her eyes narrowing critically, "that was not bad, that last. I think I shall faint, too, and let le gros Crane waltz me off in his arms."

Laurier leaned lazily over her shoulder and scrawled a rough caricature on the corner of her paper.

"Like that?"

She boxed his ears soundly and reached a greedy little hand after the box of bonbons Elsie Ticot was passing. The model was forgotten.

"Lay her there." Vivon nodded to a corner divan in the inner studio heaped high with pillows, sketches and costumes. Crane ruthlessly pushed the latter off with his foot to make room for his burden. He laid her down gently and held to her lips the glass of water Vivon brought.

"It is just faintness, yes?" asked Vivon anxiously.

Crane stared thoughtfully at the white face among the pillows. He had been hungry once back in the first days of [illegible] and sent [illegible] to the generosity of his dreams, and only long afterward had the fight been his own. He thought he recognized the look that comes to those who are tracked by the wolf.

"I think that she's just about starved," he said bluntly. "Get some wine or brandy or something."

Vivon obeyed. The Americans had a way that made men obey.

"Who is she?" asked Crane when he had managed to get a few drops of brandy between the pale lips.

"One of Ribaut's models," Vivon answered nervously. The sounds from the atelier were not conducive to peace of mind. Yes, she was a new one. Ribaut had sent her to him yesterday, and he had engaged her for the pose, the grace, the turn of the head, that line from the tip of the ear to the slope of the shoulder. She did not pose for the life classes, merely for drapery and the pose effective. And the name—it was in his notebook.

He took it out and read from the latest entries:

"Virginia Wade."

"American?" asked Crane, using more brandy as he saw a flutter of the eyelids.

"But, yes." Vivon shrugged his shoulders. "When they come over and are poor they must do something. Some are so proud they hide away and starve, and some put up the grand fight."

"Where does she live?"

Crane glanced up. The little artist had gone back to the atelier as a fresh crash sounded, with Yvette's peal of laughter ringing above it.

When the girl's eyelids opened he smiled down at her in a friendly fashion.

"Feel better?"

"I guess so." She [illegible] and added, with a scared look in her dark blue eyes, "Did I faint in there?"

"Oh, yes; that was nothing. Lots do." Laurier had said the American had reduced cheerful lying to an art. "It's so hot there in the mornings, you know."

There was a quiver of hopeless disappointment around the curves of her mouth, and he knew what troubled her. There was a five franc piece in his pocket. He laid it unblushingly on the tabouret beside her.

"Vivon said that was yours. He couldn't wait, but he said to come tomorrow, and this is for the two sittings."

Her eyes brightened with surprise, and he knew his surmise had been right.

"I must go home," she said, trying to rise from the cushions.

"Wait while I get a carriage." Crane started for the door decidedly. "I'll send one of the girls to help you."

She thanked him with a smile that made him whistle as he went down two flights three steps at a time. When he returned he carried her down to the carriage with a masterfulness that asked no permission, and she did not demur when he took the seat beside her.

It was not hard to find her "sky parlor," as Crane called it mentally, off the Rue des Sœurs Claires. He called there the next evening, and she met him at the head of the dusty landing with a shy dignity and led the way into her attic apartment as if it had been a Louis Quinze reception room in pink and gold. A young girl, younger even than herself, sat in an easy chair by the window and smiled up at him.

"This is Lucille, my sister," Virginia said simply. Crane's quick eyes noticed the slim pair of crutches leaning beside the chair. He knew why she had posed at Ribaut's and Vivon's, why she had not hidden her poverty and starved in silent pride.

The next time he came he brought flowers for Lucille, and a new grateful friendliness flashed in the other's blue eyes.

It became a regular thing, that walk home from Vivon's to the Rue des Sœurs Claires. She showed him some of her sketches, and Crane promptly took a bunch under his arm and hawked them around the art stores with a devout persistency his own had never known. Before a month had passed she had picked up odd work coloring pen and ink proofs for one of the weeklies, and at last there came a day when she left Vivon's for good, and the future was full of hope.

"And we shall see, la-la-la; we shall see now," laughed Yvette. "He is in earnest, le gros Crane. The wedding bells will go ding-a-ling, and the little white faced Virginia will have roses in her cheeks."

"It's all your doing," Virginia told him that night when they parted at her door. "I was worn out and heart sick that day when I fainted, and you cheered me, and—and"— She faltered and held out her hand to him. There was a five franc piece in it. "Please take it back," she said. "Vivon told me, and I think it was just splendid of you."

Crane flushed hotly, but he took it. He knew her pride and that to her it was a debt of honor.

"And after today, what?" he asked. "I shall miss the walk home, and you will forget Vivon's and me."

She bent her head low over the bunch of pink roses he had given her for Lucille, and something in her silence gave him courage.

"Virginia, if you would only give me the right to sweep you and Lucille away from this, the sky parlor and the struggle that never ends! I'm strong and have gained a footing, and you could study then"— he rambled on with boyish helplessness. "I've loved you ever since that day at Vivon's when your head lay on my shoulder, and I wanted to lift you up and carry you away from it all—Laurier and Yvette and old Vivon and all of them. You seemed so different and little and alone."

She was silent still, and he waited. Out [illegible] sent [illegible] the [illegible] rows were fluttering sleepily around the eaves of the sky parlor over their heads.

One of the roses fell at her feet, and he raised it tenderly.

"Do you think I had better go?" The dark blue eyes looked up at him at last and he bent toward her eagerly. "Virginia, sweetheart?"

She held the roses close to her lips and smiled at him over them.

"Won't you come up and tell Lucille?" she said softly, and he followed her up the long, dusty stairs to the sky parlor.

Music as Medicine.

From the days of Saul and David music has no doubt been the means of alleviating, if not of actually curing, many serious cases of mental disease. Modern experience has proved this conclusively, and many instances may be quoted from ancient history.

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"Yes?" said his friend.

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"Yes, I noticed that," murmured the friend.

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IN THE CAUSE OF REFORM

By CYRUS DERICKSON

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When Captain Trent was transferred from the Seventh to the Twelfth regiment and took up his quarters at Fort Conger he found that his reputation had preceded him. He was known to the rank and file as a hard man. The captain of a company is well liked or totally disliked. Captain Trent was proud of the fact that he was not only totally disliked, but positively hated, by the men he had power over. It was his nature to bulldoze and bullyrag and tyrannize.

At the first roll call of Company B he had a few words to say to his new command, and from that time on the men knew what to expect. The old captain had kept them fairly up to discipline, and the commander of the post had not let things go at sixes and sevens, but Captain Trent referred to his company as a set of loafers and slouches who didn't know enough to wear their uniforms properly. They were a humpbacked and lop shouldered lot; they were lazy and shiftless; they needed a strong hand to freshen them up. He had the hand. He would teach them what discipline was and what soldiering meant, and any sullenness or hanging back would be promptly punished.

Then began something akin to a reign of terror for the seventy men of Company B. Although nearly all were veterans, they drilled from morning till night. Certain privileges enjoyed when stationed at posts in time of peace were abolished. New rules were made and enforced regarding this and that, and in a fortnight the men felt like a lot of convicts. Cursing was a part of the new regime. Captain Trent was down under the heading of "Officer and Gentleman," and yet he was shockingly profane and shamefully abusive. More punishment was inflicted in a month than for two years before; more desertions took place within three months than had been recorded for three years. It was generally understood that the "old man"—meaning the commander of the post—didn't appreciate Captain Trent's zeal and that he was not supported by his fellow officers in his bullyragging, but he went ahead on his own lines just the same.

There was enough to make the men sullen and vengeful, and the captain kept adding to it. He "broke" two sergeants and three corporals and at length, as a sort of climax, preferred charges against his orderly sergeant and had him suspended from duty while awaiting court martial. The state of affairs in Company B was [illegible] and her mother arrived at a nearby ranch owned by a son and brother. If Miss Blanche was not positively engaged to Captain Trent they had known each other for two years, and there had been correspondence of a very friendly nature. The arrival benefited Company B in a way—that is, it took the captain away from the post much of his time and turned his thoughts into other channels. His lieutenants were neither martinets nor bulldozers.

It became the captain's custom after a few days to ride over to the ranch every morning to take a long gallop with Miss Blanche. On such occasions he was attended by a private soldier acting as orderly. It had been Private O'Rourke up to a certain Tuesday morning. Then Private Higgins humbly followed at the regulation distance without the change being noticed. Private Higgins had been Sergeant Higgins for two years before the coming of Captain Trent. Then cause had been found for reducing him to the ranks. On this morning the girl was ready and waiting, and she and the captain rode straight away and did not draw rein until reaching the boiling spring among the hills. Then they dismounted for a rest, and Higgins came forward to take care of their horses. Even then the captain did not remark the change. It was fifteen minutes later, as he sat with his back to a rock and smoking a cigar, that Private Higgins suddenly appeared before him with leveled revolver and quietly said:

"Captain Trent, I have a bit of business with you, and if you raise any row about it I'll shoot you through the head."

"Is it you, Higgins?" asked the officer as he turned [illegible]

"It's me, sir, one of the men you broke. I acted as orderly today that I might kill you. Give me the slightest excuse and I'll do it. You have your revolver, but it is not loaded. I tampered a bit with your man last night. Now put your hands behind you or this little lady, who is keeping so quiet, will see a case of killing."

Captain Trent was no coward, but he knew when he was beaten. When his arms were thrust behind him they were made fast with buckskin thongs brought for the purpose. Then his ankles were bound, and Private Higgins lighted a cigar and sat down and said to the girl, who had been so surprised and frightened that she had not said a word:

"I beg your pardon, miss, but there is naught for you to fear. You see, Captain Trent and I are both military reformists, only we go about it in a different way."

"But you don't mean to kill him!" exclaimed the girl as she clasped her hands.

"I hope I shan't have to, miss, being I've got him fast bound. I think it will be sufficient if I tell you what sort of a man he is and he does the listening. Just hear me, miss."

"Higgins, I'll have you shot for this!" threatened the captain as he began to realize the position he was placed in.

"You never will, captain," quietly replied the man. "In the first place, I may think best to shoot you before I go, and in the next I'm going to desert and bid you find me if you can. Keep a quiet tongue and don't provoke me. I've felt like murdering you for the last two months. Now for my story, miss."

The girl listened. She knew nothing of military matters. She had never heard of bulldozing and bullyragging and official spite. Private Higgins took up case after case and related incident after incident. Not understanding the nature of things, his relation would not have made such an impression upon the girl but for the captain's attitude before her. He quite lost his temper and became profane, abusive and coarse to a degree. He showed a side of his nature that she had never suspected and that shocked and astonished her. Private Higgins stated his case from beginning to end, and he stated it fairly and wound up by saying:

"You see, miss, that it is a case of military reform. Captain Trent felt called upon to reform Company B, and I felt called upon to reform him. I've got to desert and become an outlaw to do it, and I'm thinking I might as well go the whole way and leave him dead behind me."

"But you won't do that," she pleaded. "You may have been wronged, but you won't do murder?"

"Then it's owing to your own sweet self, young lady, but God help you if you ever become the wife of such a man. I'll go without harming him, and I'll say goodby and heaven bless you."

He rode away without a look back, and when the echo of his horse's footsteps had died away the captain said:

"Blanche, the man is a scoundrel and a liar. He told you nothing but lies. You surely can't believe him."

She rose up and passed behind him and untied the knots at his wrists. With his freed hands he loosened those at his ankles and rose up and said:

"Blanche, tell me that you don't believe what he said. Tell me"—

"Go and resign!" she interrupted him as she turned away to mount her horse and ride back to the ranch alone.

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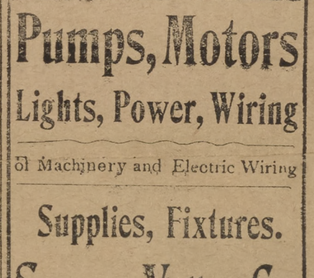

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